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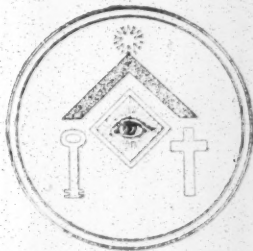
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Unwitting of the methods of thy forebears, they who fought the Dragon with its own sharp claws and slew it past all hope of resurrection, thou hast, yet, but learned to grasp such weapons as they used to crush the crawling worm.

Arouse thyself and seek to slay that Dragon's progeny, the Dragon's teeth sown over all the earth, ten fold more the spawn of Evil than the power which gave them birth.

Wilt thou stand by supine and let them slay the good, the pure, the holy, yea, slay thyself, in this most cruel of the cruel wars that ever devastated dwelling place of man, the war of self against self?

When all Illusion's sensuous coils are wound about thine eyes thine enemy doth seize thy strength to turn the face of Truth, of Holiness and Wisdom to the wall of Sense, and places in their stead the well disguised, the cold and passionless, the craven faces of thy foes, while they would force thee to thy knees in slavish worship of the dead in life.

Arouse thee, child though now thou art, unbind thine eyes, and even in the time a sunbeam takes to strike the earth, the weapons of the Self born shall descend to thee and thou shalt tear those evil faces from the wall and bring again to light the hidden faces of the Gods of Truth, of Justice, Love and Wisdom.



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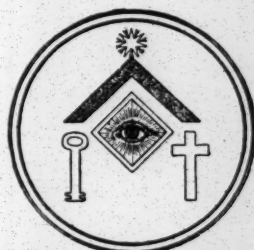
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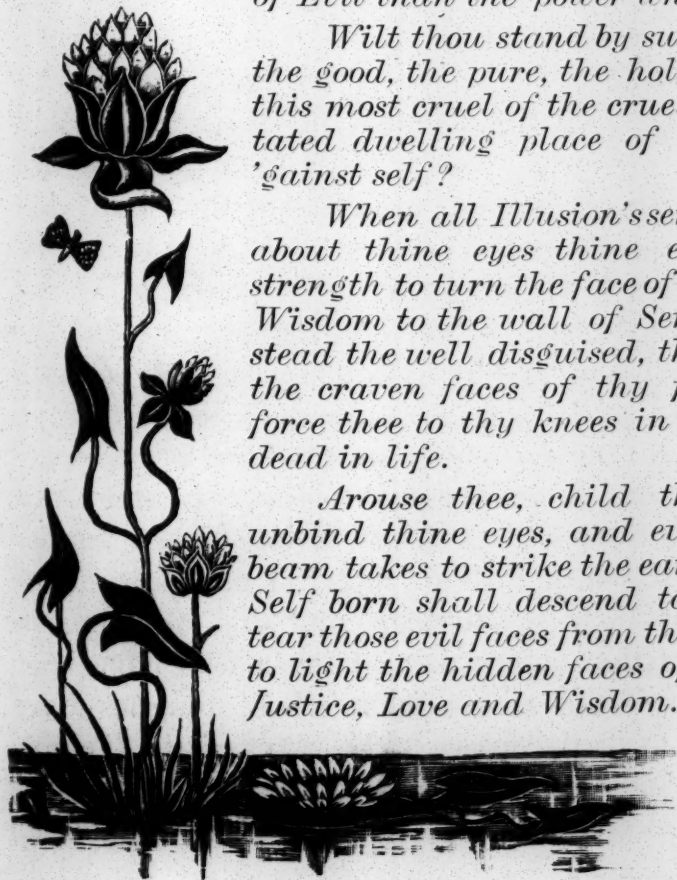
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SALUTATORY.*

To our Brothers and Sisters of all creeds, classes and conditions, we extend the right hand of fellowship.

We ask your help and co-operation, in whatever direction your influence may extend, in our endeavor to unify existing divergences of opinion along philosophical, ethical and political lines, and to create a common ground, a fertile soil, for the growth of such qualities and attributes as will conduce to the higher development of the human race.

A more critical period than the present, as regards man's mental, moral and spiritual evolution, it would be difficult to imagine. In all spheres of activity the great destructive and constructive forces of the Universe are peculiarly active, and while grave trials will come during the upheaval and demolition of old philosophical and material landmarks, yet, if we are possessed of faith in the "Divinity which shapes our ends," without which man is in a most pitiable condition, we know that after the disintegration of old forms and systems shall have been accomplished, we will be called upon to reconstruct on higher geometrical lines, to rear forms of government and religion that will be the mould in which the thought of the future must shape itself.

Those who "serve in the cause of those who suffer" must be drawn closer together, and such ties formed and cemented as will withstand all shocks and concerted attacks made by those who are in sympathetic contact with the forces belonging to the night side of life.

Let us strive to lift on high the sign for the rallying of the forces that make for the benefit of mankind, under the banner of Love and co-operation, and in the spirit of true humility and service.

Spirit and matter, man and his environment, have been separated and studied apart, one from the other, for ages, and this divorce between the two great poles of our Being, is the fundamental cause of all the so-called evils of material existence. The time is near at hand for their re-marriage, and this can only be accomplished by unified action on the part of those who have been touched by the spirit of Truth—those upon whose tongues have been laid the live coals from the fires on the altar of the Temple of our common humanity.

It is now difficult, if not impossible, for an intelligent unbiased

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man or woman to remain indifferent. We must take sides whether we will or nay, for the events are fast shaping national and religious institutions to such a degree as will make inertia criminal; and it is for us to choose now whom we will serve, "God or Mammon," Evolution or retrogression.

Misapplication of terms, misunderstanding of foreign words and phrases, have led to much unnecessary friction in the past. The fundamental truths underlying all religious systems are the same, and the duty of an unselfish seeker for enlightenment is to reconcile existing differences of opinion by clearing away such shadows and misconceptions as have hidden the light of truth from the mental vision of those other fragments of ourselves, our Brothers and Sisters, who differ with us apparently as to what constitutes certain phases of universal truth.

We must find and retrace our steps over many a lost path, ere we reach that unanimity of opinion which will render united action on the living issues of the day possible of accomplishment. We can, however, make a beginning by striving to form what may be termed a federation of all societies, churches and organizations that are working along the lines of Brotherhood of Man; we can enter other organizations ourselves, and invite the members of the same to affiliate with us in all our work for the uplifting of humanity. One principle should dominate all our thoughts and actions, namely, toleration for the opinions and desires of others, and charity to and for all.

In this first stroke of the the TEMPLE ARTISAN, we call your attention to the fact, that while it is primarily intended as a medium of communication between those members at the centre and those at the circumference of the circle of the Temple organization, we also hope to use it eventually for propaganda purposes if increase of circulation warrants its continuance. Therefore, we request your individual assistance in obtaining subscriptions, or means by which it may be put on a firm financial basis. We also ask you to aid us by contributing of your store of intellectual and spiritual treasures for its pages.

• As every great Master, leader and teacher of mankind in past ages, has been persecuted, maligned and criticised, so we, their humble disciples, must expect, and have already been, called upon to bear in some degree, the same trials of strength and endurance.

We do not propose to use the TEMPLE ARTISAN as an instrument of retaliation or abuse when attacks are made, whether on individual members, or on the Temple as an organization. We

shall endeavor to deal only with principles involved, leaving the personalities of our critics and traducers to the great Law which giveth righteous judgments alike to all both small and great.

The individualized forces of disintegration now particularly active and noticeable in nation, state and family, are controlled by conscious superhuman entities, sometimes termed the fallen angels. These "Brothers of the Shadow" belong to the night side of life, and work in opposition to the "Builders," or "the Masters of the White Brotherhood." Wherever they can find an agent passive or evil enough to act as a distributing center for the dissemination of destructive force, they entangle him in a network of sophistry, or offer some great personal reward, the acceptance of which destroys the power of discrimination, leaving him without power of resistance. If we would free ourselves from these powers, which this particular age of the present great Cycle has brought to the crest of the evolutionary wave, we must offer more than a negative resistance. We must call on the positive side of our nature to assist us in striking a true balance, and work unremittingly and unselfishly for the coming of that great day when the "Lion and the Lamb shall lie down together," that day when "Peace shall rest as a bird o'er the bosom of the waters of Life."

To those of our readers who are ignorant of the principles and aims of the Temple, though perhaps familiar with other esoteric organizations, we desire to extend a special greeting and invitation to become better acquainted with us and our work. While the Temple, as such, is a strictly esoteric body, many of its activities are exoteric. To those interested in esotericism we would say, we have been given one of the holiest offices ever given to man, the office of peacemaker, and with it a charge "to prepare the way," for the Light of the Logos, which must appear when the forces of disintegration have done their work; when the Great Sifter has fulfilled its mission, and the powers of Resurrection and Reconstruction have brought from the Inner Spheres those souls and forces that shall build anew the Temple of Humanity on spiritually perfect geometrical principles. In the stress of the storm that must demolish some of its crumbling walls, we ask you to aid us in keeping the Holy Fire on its altars aflame—that fire of pure Love which is our real life, and without which nothing could remain.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR.

"Great Sifter is the name of the Heart Doctrine, O Disciple. The Wheel of the Good Law moves swiftly on. It grinds by night and day. The worthless husks it drives from out the golden grain, the refuse from the flour. The hand of Karma guides the wheel; the revolutions mark the beatings of the karmic heart."

—*Voice of the Silence.*



"But even ignorance is better than Head-learning with no soul wisdom to illuminate and guide it.

"Self-gratulation, O Disciple, is like unto a lofty tower, up which a haughty fool has climbed. Thereon he sits in prideful solitude and unperceived by any but himself."

—*Voice of the Silence.*



When the Masters opened the Temple door and gave to a number of their disciples the plan of the Cosmic Temple, in explanation of some rather singular circumstances connected with the older branches of the Theosophical movement they gave some very lucid information regarding necessary qualifications for, as well as Karmic relations between them and their Agents, which to one familiar with the facts of the mathematical and geometrical foundation of the universe, afforded much of deep interest, and showed conclusively how and why one person could become such an agent, while another of equal or even greater intelligence and seeming fitness could not fulfill the same mission at that particular time.



The seven karmically selected Masters, of which the Masters Hilarion, Morya and Koot Hoomi are three, have been and are the expounders and commentators of the Wisdom Religion for the western world and are the originators and expounders of the Temple movement. They have emphatically stated that they never delegated their work, or gave instructions concerning the same to

any but their selected Agents while the latter were in incarnation and would make known their choice of the successors to such Agents, through the same.



It would seem that any student familiar with these facts, and who had been taught the results of treachery to the Lodge; and unfaithfulness to their solemn pledges, would not dare to claim the Masters had broken their word and ungratefully turned against those who had served them faithfully, yet such a claim has practically been made many times by ambitious, self-deceived or ignorant students. The pure teachings of the Masters have been used as a basis for many perverted revelations (?) even regarding the much-mooted sex question, and under the seal of secrecy, have been sown broadcast.



One of the greatest dangers that can confront students of occultism whose astral vision has been developed by self-effort is the danger of self-deception. Unless such students have been prepared by a wise course of instruction and even then, unless all self interest has been eliminated they are far more easily deceived by the denizens of the Lower Astral than they would be by the most finished deceiver of the physical plane. Their worst passions or defects may be played upon until they really believe they have been chosen for some great destiny. In such cases all their obligations are ignored, their disobedience justified to themselves. Obliquity of interior sight ensues, and they are truly to be pitied.



The new student is more likely to be affected by such fallacies: the well-grounded, experienced student of occultism cannot be so easily deceived; he knows that Astral phenomena alone is no safe criterion of the fitness of an Agent or teacher, just as he knows that neither virtue, morality, mental calibre or physical perfection alone would qualify a chela for such a position. While these attributes and gifts may all be qualifications, they are by no means sufficient by themselves. It is a question first of position in a geometrically perfect Cosmic figure or line, only determinable by a Master and secondarily, of the development of certain interior centres which make it possible for them to meet, and receive instructions from the perfected Ones of a higher plane and interpret the same to others. So again we earnestly warn our comrades to be careful as to what messages or directions they receive from those who are but little, if any, farther advanced than themselves.

B. S.

CHARACTER.

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Character is the basic source as well as the culmination of every successful effort in the direction of soul building; the beginning and the end of every individualized Cosmic, planetary, and human endeavor toward spiritual supremacy.

The non-possession or deterioration of that basic principle, means the death and disintegration of any individualized form of life.

Few among even the more enlightened class of investigators stop to consider what may be the method of procedure, what forces are available to build up the substance of character, or of what that substance really consists.

The interaction of Will and Desire under certain stimuli impells to rapid action the central nuclei of an embryonic cell; continued repetition of the stimuli may create the cells or rudiments of what will sometime be an organic centre, a base of supplies, it may be for a brain. This centre can only respond to the same character of stimulating force which formed the third line of the trio, Desire, and the stimulus is originally given by the vibratory action of various qualities commonly termed good, existing in the mentality of the planetary ruler of the planet on which that cell is developing and therefore subject to the attracting power of the duo, Will and Desire as expressed in the cell. Constant contact and interaction between these stimulating forces, the basic source, and the cells of a brain, will evolve the same qualities to a greater degree as time passes until they are finally manifested in what we term character in an individual.

The word "character" commonly conveys a vague impression of the good or bad characteristics of a person, the possession of which leads to position and influence, social, religious or political, as the case may be, or the reverse. The truth is that every separate factor, every quality that enters into the sum total which manifests character is the result of aeons of conscious, persistent, indefatigable effort by the individual Ego through stone, plant, animal and human life.

The monad when first clothed in the form of a crystal has alternately attracted and repulsed various vibrations of pranic energy, and incipient Will has finally cohered and molded the resultant molecular substance into a given form. It has sharpened the edges of each facet and thereby constructed points for contact with similar forms, and for weapons of offense and defense. These

sharpened points of the crystal are ultimately the bases of other correspondingly potent organic centres and weapons, according to the cyclic development of the natural kingdom in which it is manifesting and the phases or races of life evolving within that kingdom. For instance such points may evolve into the thorns of a rose tree, the horns of an animal, the fins of a fish, the poison sacs of a serpent, or the teeth and nails,—the weapons of defense and offense of an animal.

Every one of the crystal points was primarily fitted for its particular act of service according to the *need*, the *desire*, and *will* of the monad as it was concentrated and expressed in the central cell of the crystal; and all such points have finally developed into the mediums of contact, and weapons of defense and offense commonly termed qualifications; developed in the human mentality and acting through the human body. While the forms of such qualifications are not perceptible to the human eye, they have subordinate mediums of expression within the human brain and visible to the inner eye. If the brain is destroyed they have no expression in form, thereafter in occult phraseology they are termed Skandas.

These qualifications are the foundation stones of the edifice we have reared to express character. If you find yourself lacking one of the basic qualities of this edifice it follows that you have not earned it in the past, or, through abuse of it, you have lost it and never will have it again until you earn it once more by persistent, indefatigable effort.

If it is the quality of self control that you lack, never lose an opportunity of bringing your will to bear upon any condition that inhibits such control. A thousand failures do not count where one successful effort is made. Every test you pass brings you so much nearer final accomplishment. The same is true in regard to all other qualities.

Attract to yourself by strong desire the cosmic building forces. Cohere and emplace your successes, within the mental image you have formed of the desired quality, by means of Desire.

Never lose sight of the concealed power within yourself, which first acted within the crystal points; the same power that is now resident in those qualities which are manifesting character; namely, self-control, altruism, service, purity, faith, truth and devotion. When these qualities have reached their highest point of attainment in you, you will have become a Master of the White Brotherhood, and never until then, even though you possessed the earth and all else that it contains and expresses.

The day of full recognition of the power of "little things" approaches,—the little things that are the bases of all great things; and rightly directed study of even the facets of a crystal will point out the path to the Gods. Not alone the qualities referred to will you find expressed in the crystal as above noted, but all things, all features of the genus homo; for in the very first manifested form of life force is concealed the power of the trinity, Will, Desire and Action. The more complex the form, the greater has been the operations of that power and the greater the possibilities for the future.

So long as you only desire me to corroborate your own beliefs, your own conceptions of life and action, (such life and action as you have as yet only touched upon), because you cannot or will not obey certain laws of Being, obedience to which would increase the power of non-resistance in the organic centres through which alone the light of sure knowledge can radiate, and so unconsciously repel that light just so long you are doomed to disappointment and chagrin; and just so long you will be subject to every fluctuation of thought in the minds of those about you; thought-forms which drift through your own mind and confuse every main point and thus make you incapable of holding to any one centre to which you owe allegiance; owe it because karma and your own higher Will and Desire have justly placed you in one definite position toward such centre.

If you are convinced that your Initiate Teacher knows no more than you know yourself about any subject formulated and introduced by him that you may be interested in, and will only believe in and act upon conclusions formed as a result of such drifting thoughts as now sift through your mentality, you will gain nothing from his instructions.

The kingdom of God is within you, and it is also within the central cell of the crystal, and the centre of any thing or condition; and as long as you are obediently subject to that central cell you will go on building the higher qualities, as the points of that crystal are built, by the same law, to final perfection of form. But such expansion of spiritual substance, as well as that of cellular life, is contingent upon the resident power in each atom to resist every exterior force that would tend toward separation from its kind; separation that would tend to refute the purpose of the Ego that dominates the mass and which alone knows the geometrical form which Divine Wisdom has set according to number for any mass of substance; and the equally potent power of non-resistance

to the true building forces. So with man, as with the crystal cell, his power of expansion, of growth, rests upon his ability to identify himself with a true centre that is one of a direct line of centres reaching from a Dhyan Chohan, through a planetary ruler, down through the ranks of lesser Masters to the composite body of which he is a constituent. A line of centres in one sense, yet one centre in toto, and that power is dependent on character.

Without a centre of expression, the manifestation of character is impossible; without character man would be but a conger of unstable forces.

It has been taught by some who argue from generalities to particulars that moral responsibility builds character; but the reverse is true. It is character that determines moral responsibility. Morals are changeable. They are relatively good or bad, according to the race, nation, religious prejudices, etc., but character, as I have insisted, is the one persistent feature from incarnation to incarnation. It is, so to speak, the basic sheath of the Ego; inseparable from that Ego.



THE SUBSTANCE OF STARS.

We find that an error is prevalent in the minds of many students concerning the nature of the planets of our chain and their effect on man which may lead to greater misconception if not corrected.

Students will never arrive at the truth concerning any natural object, world or planetary chain unless they hold continually in mind the seven-fold nature of the object, world or chain of worlds under consideration. We find many references in current literature to the star or planet under which an individual, plant, animal or mineral is born or created, and naturally the mind turns to the objective form of the star or planet in the heavens; while in reality that objective symbol has no more to do with the real individuality, thing or creature than has the earth, our own exterior dwelling place. We must remember that each star seen by us is but the outer crust or picture of the *true star*, the Father-Mother of each star creation, and that the progenitors of all creatures on all planets in reality exist in the fourth of the four worlds or planes that in reality constitute the substance of all manifest life. The visible or astrological star of our nativity is only connected with our personalities, our forms—and these forms are constantly changing. The real individuality “dwells like a star apart,” apart from its three lower aspects or reflections. While it is necessary

to keep in mind the septenary constitution of the Universe; it is also necessary to remember that only four of these divisions come under the classification of differentiated substance, the three higher belonging entirely to the fields of potential energy, *i. e.*, undifferentiated matter, and so it is well to bear in mind that it is on the fourth plane, and in the fourth state of substance that the progenitors, the eternal prototypes of all things and creatures "live and have their being," and until our consciousness can rise to that plane of existence our knowledge of it must be limited to what we can gain from the statements of the Masters who have conquered the three lower planes and states of matter, and they are prevented from conveying a perfectly true concept of life on those, to us unseen planes, by our inability to understand such terms as they must use to express objects and conditions which do not obtain on lower planes. Man must have some means of comparison to comprehend phenomena, and there are no objects or conditions on the physical plane by which comparisons to the phenomena of the fourth plane may be made. When the true star of our nativity becomes known to us it will be as an Angel of Light—a group Soul. The substance which constitutes its outer semblance is of the same nature as that of which our bodies are composed and therefore could have no more permanent effect on the real Ego than the matter of which the earth is composed. When mankind fully accepts the fact that every molecule, every microbe, is a conscious, thinking entity, it will not be difficult to accept the statement that every Star is a correspondingly great conscious thinking being and also the vehicle for manifestation for millions of lesser beings.

B. S.

MISUSE OF POWER.

If there is any one thing more than another that justifies the Initiates of the right hand path in refraining from divulging the deepest truths of occultism concerning the exercise of creative power it is the attitude of the great majority of the human race toward the feminine sex, and the fact that the most malicious, cruel and unjust treatment of woman is by woman, adds immensely to the difficulties in the way. A student of occultism is so much more accountable for such treatment than are others that comparison is hardly possible, for such an one knows full well that without the assistance of the female, the male is absolutely helpless in his search for the philosopher's stone—the lost creative power. This

knowledge makes his conduct ten-fold more reprehensible when he indulges in, or sustains others in indulging in vituperative, malicious slander of a woman, whoever or whatever the slandered woman may be. The poor tool of the Brothers of the Shadow who teaches that anything but the most perfect purity can avail to reach the heights of knowledge where the generation and exercise of potent creative forces is possible, is a willful or ignorant deceiver. Yet knowing all this, as every true student of occultism does know it, the first demonstration of ambition, weariness, anger or righteous criticism of some fault often results in vicious slander, persistent vituperative scandal against the woman, whoever she may be, that occupies a prominent position in the organic body of which those are parts. Whether the body be religious, scientific, social or political, it would seem that the feminine, the most vital, the most necessary (even if it be concealed from outer view) source of sustenance for the growth and development of such a body is almost invariably the point of most demoniacal attack. And so it will be until woman, purely for the sake of womankind, awakens from her lethargic sleep and *compels* regard for her sex. She will never be voluntarily given her place in the world by man during the present manvantara until she *takes* it by means of her own inherent strength, and she never will have the power to take it while she can stand by and see those of her own sex attacked and misused, without protest, and without an effort to rehabilitate those attacked and often displaced by those seeking selfish aggrandizement.

This is not a matter of ethics alone. One of the universal laws governing spiritual creative power is infringed upon or broken (according to the strength of the governing motive) in all like instances, and in all such cases the hitherto latent positive aspect of the creative force is prematurely aroused and, figuratively speaking, dammed up and thrown back on itself, causing explosive action and scattering its volume in many directions, instead of developing evenly and normally in combination with the negative aspects of the same, into one powerful force, in which case an occultist may, by concentration of will and mind, direct the latter into channels of spiritual generation for the evolving of higher spiritual powers.

Indulgence in such action as is referred to above produces phenomena upon the astral plane that is akin to the display of electric light on the physical plane when conducting wires are crossed, and the fiery force thus astrally liberated reappears on the latter

plane and is seized by the passions and used up in lower creative functions, although it is unconsciously done in the majority of instances. Mankind is slow in reaching to knowledge of the fundamental causes of the effects it is continually fighting, and in no instance is it so slow as in its search for the causes back of the effects of the destructive forces of Nature. * *

THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE.

There is such a crude concept of the Temple of the People in the minds of some of its members that it would seem to be our duty to take up the subject and clear up at least some of the major points. It has been mixed up with the T. H. A. in the minds of some members who suppose it to be built up on the lines of a regular business corporation, which is not true.

The T. H. A. is an autonomous body consisting of a body of Temple members and others banded together for a specific co-operative purpose, under legal sanction.

The Temple of the People is *not* an autonomous body. Its groups or squares located at distant points are made autonomous at the pleasure of the Guardian in Chief, the Agent of the White Lodge selected and appointed by the Initiates of the same, for the purpose of forming a working centre. The Official Head is appointed by the same Master, as have also been the board of Guardians, through the Guardian in Chief. Neither one of them could be displaced by other members, though any or all of them could be displaced for good reason, by the Master in person. It is being built according to the law of universal form from centre to circumference and the G. in C. holds the central point only as substitute for the Master.

The partially developed occultist, the student of life, has early in his investigations reached one conclusion regarding the geometrical perfection of the form of the universe as a whole, and the same perfection and correspondence of detail in all its divisions. For instance, it has been demonstrated beyond any shadow of doubt that in every form of life, from a single cell to a star, there is a central point from which and around which every atom of its materialized form is evolved and is emplaced in perfect order according to some divine pattern, but no two forms are exactly alike.

In the physical body a liver cell would never be found among the cells of any other organ of the body, although there might be demonstrated the fact that the potential energy of the germs

which made up that liver cell, under exactly the right conditions and in the right environment for so doing, might build any other kind of a cell by a change of pattern. But if nature had decreed that a liver should be evolved in any physical body under process of construction, no other organ or cells of an organ in the same body in process of building at the same time, could change the character of the cells that were decreed for that liver. The wisdom and intelligence which planned and carried out the building of that particular body might build many bodies after the same pattern with each organ built after its kind, but they would be built one after another in perfect order, and the central cell of the original seed would contain within itself the potencies of all the organs to be evolved.

The second, third or one hundredth cell could never be the first. It is due to the continual action of the eternal law of sequence that the form of a universe, a world, a body, a nation or an organization may be constructed, and unless such a body is built up according to the decrees of this law it cannot endure for any length of time, for the opposite pole, the negative aspect of the same, which controls disintegration, will tear it to pieces. It is the action of the last mentioned law in the closing years of the present cycle, that is now tearing apart every nation, race and body of people in the world, and all because the sequential law of form has been broken so persistently by our progenitors, and the present generation continues to so break it, that no lasting form of government, race or body has been kept intact, and until a body strong, united, unselfish and brave enough to construct such a body in the face of all opposition, or the nucleus of such, a body, a change cannot come.

There is just as surely a natural king for every race of men,—the central cell—as there is a natural queen for every hive of bees, and the drones and workers of the bee hive have their correspondences in humanity. The drones have usurped the positions of the kings in the present age and attacked the latter so viciously that there is disruption all along the lines. But Nature's kings are Masters of the White Brotherhood, not usurpers.

Every great age is symbolized by a geometrical figure in the astral light. This astral figure is both matrix and pattern for all lesser forms. The dawn of the sixth age approaches and its astral prototype takes the form of a six-pointed star with a cross in the centre, and the Temple of the People is being built according to the same pattern, as within it will evolve the progenitors of the sixth Race.

B. S.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Temple Builders—Lesson 64

A LITTLE LEAVEN.

In a little heap in a dark corner of the cellar lay *eight medium sized potatoes*.

They were talking to one another in a strange way.

"Why is it," said one, "that we must lie here so long and can not even turn ourselves over? How tired I am of this damp, dark cellar. When shall we ever be able to leave it?"

"Yes, when shall we ever see the warm, bright, sunlight?" said another.

"And why is there nothing better for us to do than to go down in the ground again," said a third, "or maybe to be served boiling hot for somebody's dinner?"

"That is not all you can do," said a voice. "I have just been looking for *eight good potatoes* like you to use in the yeast I am mixing."

"If you will let me take you and do with you as I like I will show you what wonders shall work in you."

"Gladly," said the potatoes, "gladly, will we let you take us. We are so weary of lying in this dark, musty cellar; you can do with us what you like and we will be grateful."

Thereupon, the dear fairy mother in snow white apron and cap, for she it was who had been speaking, stooped down and lifted the potatoes into the dish she had with her.

Soon in the clean fairy kitchen, *the potatoes were all peeled, boiled, mashed and freed entirely from any specks and lumps that were in them.*

Three days before, the mother of fairies had taken *two ounces of hops, four quarts of cold water, tied the hops in a muslin bag and boiled them one hour on the stove in the water.*

This she cooled until it was luke-warm, then opened the bag, and wet with the tepid liquor, a little at a time, one pound of flour, a half pound of white sugar, and a tablespoonful of salt.

The sugar and salt she added last, then beat up the batter with her fairy mixing spoon, for three minutes. Then she set it away in an open bowl with a thin cloth covering, in the mystic closet so moderately and evenly warmed.

"Now," said the fairy, on this third day, as she gave the last stir to the mixture, "I will let it stand in the bowl twelve hours

longer, in this nice warm kitchen; but I will have to stir it often to keep the potatoes from growing heavy and settling."

So saying she went about her other work *coming back every now and then to give a vigorous stir to the mixture*. A funny thing was, every time she came to the bowl and started to lift the cover the potatoes would cry out to her: "Oh! please don't stir us again. You have no idea how you hurt us. If we had known you would treat us like this we would never have let you take us."

"Please let us go back to our cool, quiet cellar, where we can be still and contented."

And the gentle Fairy Mother would either meet them in silence or speak to them in some manner like this:

"Poor troubled potatoes! Do you forget how you said to me 'you can do with us what you like and we will be grateful?'"

"The wonders I promised you can only be accomplished through this mixture in which I have placed you, and through hard and frequent stirring. Be patient a little longer and you will see the marvelous result of the pain of the stirring. All things of value win that value through suffering."

"Here are some *perfectly sweet, freshly scalded bottles and jars in which I will now pour you, cork them tight and put them away in the cool cellar. You will keep fresh there a month at any rate.*"

"When I first have need to open the jars you will see for yourselves the wonders that have been worked in you and I will show you clearly for what service the miracle has been rendered."

"Stand silently now on this shelf until the hour strikes for the jars to be opened."

(To be continued)

NOTE.—The italicized words contain a good recipe for Self-Working Yeast. Let the children learn it and try it, finding also, if possible, the spiritual yeast contained in it.

TEMPLE CONVENTION NOTICE.

The Tenth Annual Convention of Temple Members will be held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of August, at the headquarters at Halcyon, California. There will be an assemblage of members on Saturday evening, July 31st, and the program of meetings will be announced. The first regular meeting of the Convention will be held Sunday morning, and another meeting in the evening. There will be accommodations for our members at the Halcyon Hotel at rates varying from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per day. A number of our members have already notified us of their intention to be present at this

Convention, and we ask that all those who expect to come will write us as soon as possible to that effect.

It has been advised that Temple Squares, as well as isolated Temple members wherever situated, should unite in Spirit with the Temple members in Convention assembled on the morning of the 1st of August. The first general meeting will take place on that date beginning at 9 a. m., California time. Meditation and discussion on Unity will be appropriate, and helpful to the Convention, as well as to all so participating.

TEMPLE SCRIBE.

TEMPLE HOME ASSOCIATION NOTES.

Since the Summary of the Financial Report was sent out last May many letters of congratulations and expressions of satisfaction in the improvement in the financial showing of the Association have been received. A few extracts will indicate the general character. From Philadelphia a member writes: "The report is very satisfactory to me." From Meriden, Conn., another member says, "Allow me to congratulate the T. H. A. upon the improvement in its financial condition and I wish you further success in every respect." From Sister E. K. Mundy of Syracuse, N. Y., the following: "I believe fully in the ability of those who have the management of the finances of the Association to bring all to a successful termination, notwithstanding the fault findings and criticisms of those who do not seem to understand that our methods must be entirely different from worldly methods. Having been so long accustomed to have a selfish interest in all that pertains to 'business,' the world looks on and calls it folly. Let them prate and misjudge, if they will, but we have before us the making of a commonwealth out of the co-operation of a united body; and so let those who will not wait, who will not see a master-force behind the work just pass by and on, while those who do understand the underlying principles of truth and justice press forward, doing the best that comes to them. My whole soul is in this department of the Temple work."

The following is quoted verbatim from the report and should indicate to Temple members generally the satisfactory progress of this section of the work:

"A partial report for the first six months of 1908 was read, indicating a gain in all departments.

"From above summary, it will be noted that the expense in

excess of income amounts to \$1475.80. The item of interest on mortgage indebtedness about covers this amount. But for interest the work would have practically cleared itself. Under the new plan for 1909, which is a system of rentals to the different groups, there is no possibility of a deficit, as the rentals have been fixed to cover more than any expenses the Association will incur. Under the new system the groups also assume all financial responsibility instead of the Association.

"Members will be interested and gratified in learning that since July 1st last, the total indebtedness of the Association, not counting the mortgage indebtedness, has been reduced one-half, or from \$6000 to less than \$3000. Of this now less than \$500 is owing to outside business men. The balance of \$2500 consists of over \$600 of Temple Home Association vouchers outstanding, and less than \$1900 owing to members.

"Also the principal, on which interest has been paid, has been reduced \$2500 through sales of land."

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES.

Sister Ida J. Wilkins, reports good meetings with members at Seattle. She will also visit Everett, as well as other points in the State of Washington. Returning she will visit members at various points in Oregon. Some new members have already been added to the membership as a result of this trip.

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Many circular letters are being sent out these days from the Centre and a Neostyle has been pressed into valuable service for making copies. Our stenographer, Sister Evaline Earll, has added the operation of the Neostyle to her other efficient office accomplishments.

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The Convention is close at hand and letters from many members indicate they are turning their thoughts toward their annual pilgrimage to the Temple Shrine. A goodly gathering of Templars is assured and strong and high forces will most surely dominate this Tenth Annual Meeting.

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